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Part B for Aug 28

SUBJECT

Proposal to grant an enhanced pension of Rs 7/- to Mr Mekhri. Rao other Supr

226 To, The municipal Commissioner, The Vice-President and Hon'ble and the Constitution to Govt No L 1362-31 dt 13 8 28 Sanction a pension of Rs 60 as special case

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Serial No 168

Letter no C-1-613 Ej of 27-28 Ej 10 th 28 from the mal Com Bally through the Board forwarding the resolution of the mal cl to grant an enhanced pension of Rs 75 to mo ved Kazi Zaidun makki Retired action Inspector Bangalore cy from the date of his retirement viz 1st July 1926

I Submitted for perusal and orders.

V Mr makkin is now getting a pension of Rs 55 and the resolution of the mal cl is to enhance it to Rs 75 from the date of his retirement viz 1st July 1926

2 The mal Commissioner may perhaps be asked to forward a copy of the representation put up by Mr makkin and also full history of the Case showing w.h the information

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on the following points
1) What was the pay he was drawing during the 3 years prior to his retirement
2) Except that he had put in a long service and honest service, are there any exceptional circumstances which require the enhancement of the pension?

Yr Mem Calls for this above particulars & the back papers

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5 Submitted with a draft for approval

27/4/28

b Mem 28/4

Issued (1) vide 6900 of 2/5/28 to the Accountant Bangalore City with a request him to forward a copy of the representation put up by the petitioner with full history of the case

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Letter no C-1-613 of 27-28 & 28 & 28 from the Asst Commissioner Bangalore City through the Resident

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	Fnl Council forwarding addl additional information re the proposal of the Fnl Council to give an enhanced pension to m Mekkin retired octroi Inspector
	¶ The Commissioners letter is submitted with reference to para 3 of the Notes
	¶ The recommendation of the Fnl Council is that m Mekkin may be given an enhanced pension of Rs 75/- instead of Rs 55/- which he is now drawing
	¶ When he was retired from service the he was drawing a pay of Rs only Rs 120/- in the grade of 100-10-150
	¶ It is for consideration whether he could be given the maximum pension of Rs Rs 75/- as he did not draw the maximum in both the grade'
	The Fnl Sctt may perhaps be consulted in the matter

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Kindly also allocation of orders involved in the recommendations of the Presidency of the road Cess in the matter and also in the fact that income under octroi nearly doubled during the mentions time

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10 The proposal to grant pensions based on a pay which the Board never drew cannot of course be admitted under the rules But strongly the recommendation is made on special grounds and has to be considered if at all, as a relief outside the ordinary rules

Secretary Member Mr 8/7 Devons through the Secy

11 I agree with the Chief Secy. Even in fixing the arbitrary pension, it has to be considered whether any amounts in excess of half the pay last drawn can

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be granted. There are no precedents for such exceptional hardship.

12 The municipal council have not recommended the grant of pay of Rs 150 per mensem for any period of service, which the pension is calculated on the basis of half-rate of pay.

13 If a concession is required to be shown, it seems that an arbitrary pension of Rs 60 i.e. $\frac{120}{2}$ may be granted in lieu of Rs 55 now sanctioned.

CHIEF SECRETARY'S
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Secretary Member 19/7

Agree with Secy
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Secretary to Council
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CITY MUNICIPAL OFFICE
Bangalore City Dated 10th April 1928

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17/4/28

From

T GOVINDA ROW Esq
MUNICIPAL COMMISSIONER CITY MUNCIPALITY
BANGALORE CITY

mr 2-27-168

To

N MADHAVA RAO, Esq, B A, B L,
Chief Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
BANGALORE

Sir,

With reference to your official memorandum No. 1606/M1 2-27-34 dated 15th September 1927, forwarding for disposal the petition received from Mr Mohamed Azizuddin Mekhri, Retired Octroi Inspecto, Bangalore City requesting that his pa ment be fixed at Rs 150/- a month in the grade of 100-10-150 with effect from the year 1922-23 etc, I have the honour to state that the subject was first considered by the Council, at the meeting held on the 10th December 1927. The Council after some discussion referred it to the Managing Committee and with the recommendation of the Managing Committee was again placed before the Council The Council at the meeting held on the 17th March 1928 resolved that the sanction to the enhanced pension recommended by the Managing Committee be given effect to from the date of the retirement of Mr Mohamed Azizuddin Mekhri viz from 1st July 1924 and that no bonus need be paid

2 Copies of the resolutions of the Municipal Council as well as the Managing Committee are appended for reference

3 Mr Azizuddin Mekhri is now getting a pension of

of Rs 55 and it is proposed to give him an enhanced pension of Rs 75/- ie Rs 20/- more per month from the date of his retirement as per municipal Council's resolution

I request that early orders of Government may be communicated in the matter

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Municipal Commissioner.

For addressing the Government

President

Proceedings of an adjourned meeting of the City Municipal Council, Bangalore, held on Saturday the 17th March 1928 at 12 noon in the Council Chamber of the City Municipal Office.

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Present.

1. Mr B.D.Naidu,
2. Mr W H Hanumanthappa,
3. Mr Belur Srinivasiengar, B.A., B.L.
4. Mr P.Subbarama Chetty,
5. Mr K Nettakallappa,
6. Mr. B.K Garudachar,
7. Mr S.M M Razvi,
8. Mr Hoskote Bhadrappa,
9. Mr.C.K Hutchappa,
10. Mr.G.Siddaveerappa,
11. Mr M C Chicknanjundappa,
12. Mr.M.Muniswamy,
13. Mr. G.B.Raghavendrachar, B.A.
14. Mr. C N.Narasinga Rao, B.A, B.L,
15. Mr. D.Gopalakrishna Rao.
16. Rao Bah dur Dr.C B.Rama Rao, M.D,
17. Mr A Madhaviengar, B A,
18. Mr M Balakrishniah,
19. Mr V Vajapey,
20. Mr J R Isaac, B.A M.B E,
21. Mr M Royan,
22. Mr Deshmukh S Govinda Rao,
23. Capt Y V Ayya,
24. Mr.Syed Abdul Khader,
25. Mr.B.Kempanna,
26. Mr. S Narayana Rao,
27. Mr D Venkataramanappa,
28. Chickmuniswamiah.

Absent.

1. Mr S.Venkatarangiengar.

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11. Opinion of the Managing Committee dated 21st December 1927, recommending that Mr Mohamed Azizuddin Mekri, Retired Octroi Inspector, may be considered to have drawn the maximum pay of Rs 150/- to enable him to claim enhanced pension, that no bonus can be granted and that the enhanced pension may take effect from the date of sanction

Resolution ---

Mr P Subbarama Chetty moved and Mr S N M Ranvi seconded that a bonus of Rs 2,000/- be paid from the Municipal funds to Mr. Mohamed Azizuddin Mekri in recognition of long and honest services rendered by him to the Municipality in addition to the enhancement of the pension proposed by the Managing Committee, the amount of bonus being met from the Closing Balance

Dr Isaac moved that the opinion of the Managing Committee be accepted with the modification that the sanction to the enhanced pension recommended by the Managing Committee be given effect to from the date of the retirement of Mr Mohamed Azizuddin Mekhri and that no bonus need be paid Mr Belur Srinivasa Sugar seconded it

The amendment of Dr Isaac was put to vote and carried 16 voting 'For' and 10 'Against'

Sd Mohamed Abbas Khan,

President.

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For Municipal Commissioner

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MANAGING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 21st DECEMBER 1927

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21 Consideration of the petition of Mr Mahomed Azizuddin Mekhri retired Octroi Inspector for the grant of the maximum pay of Rs 150/- in the grade of 100-1-150 from 1922-23 and a bonus for his long service of 21 years in the Octroi Department

Resolution - No bonus to be given Committee recommend that the maximum pension be given to this applicant as a special case on the basis of his drawing the maximum pay of the appointment This will come into force from the date of Council's approval

This should not be taken as a precedent in future cases

Sd B K Garudachar,
CHAIRMAN

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For Municipal Commissioner

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SUBJECT.....

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File No. 2-27

Serial No. 1817

No. L 6900

Diary No. of letter replied to.. L 5173

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To The Commissioner for Corporations Bangalore city and the Vice President, Bowring Institute, Bangalore

Date of issue 2-5-27

Signed by for Y. L. S. Iyengar

Sir

With reference to your letter no. C1 - 613 of 27-28 dated 10th April 1928 requesting sanction to the resolution of the Board to grant an enhanced pension of Rs 75/- to Mr. Md Azeem Mirza Retired Police Inspector, Bangalore city, from the date of his retirement, I am directed to request you to be so good as to forward a copy of the

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representation put up by our brethren, with full history of the case, together with information as to the pay he was drawing during the 3 years prior to his retirement, and the exceptional circumstances which require the entitlement of pension

Thanks etc.

WJ 26/7/4

In Christ Love to God

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No. C-1-613 of 24-28
Enclosures one statement and a printed copy of Petition

CITY MUNICIPAL OFFICE
Bangalore City Dated 25th June 28

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From C MACHIA, Esq, B A ,
Municipal Commissioner City Municipality
BANGALORE CITY

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To

Ml 2-27-216

N MADHAVA RAO, Esq, B A , B L ,
Chief Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
Bangalore

Sir,

With reference to your letter No L 6900/Ml 2-27-181 dated 2nd May 1928 calling for further information regarding the representation of Mr Mahomed Azizuddin Mekhri, Retired Octroi Inspector, I have the honor to state that the applicant prays that his pay might be fixed at Rs 150/- per mensem in the grade 100-10-150 with effect from the year 1922-23 and that he may be given a suitable bonus for his honest work and loyal service of 21 years in the Octroi Department The full history of his case is given in his petition dated 20th August 1927 to the Dewan of Mysore and I enclose herein, as desired, a printed copy of the same, together with a statement showing the salary drawn by him during the 5 years prior to his retirement

2 The Municipal Council have resolved that he may be granted enhanced pension at Rs 75/- instead of Rs 55/- which he is now getting, with effect from the date of his retirement, i e 1st July 1924, in consideration of his loyal service in the Octroi Department It is stated in the memorial that after the petitioner took charge of the Octroi Collections, the revenue increased from Rs 55,078 to Rs 1,11,800 within a period of 11 years These figures being verified with the accounts are found to be very nearly correct and as such it may be safely presumed that

that the memorialist must have been an efficient subordinate deserving some reward If the Municipal Council had not confined its decision to the increase of pension only, I should have recommended him to a bonus also

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Municipal Commissioner

Forwarded with compliments

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2 — H. Mohamed Azizuddin the Chairman of the Municipality with exceptional ability high sense of responsibility & conscientiousness during his [illegible] of the Octroi Income increased from ~~Rs~~ 55 0/0 — the year 1903 ~~to Rs~~ 2 64 000/ — the year 1922 strongly commend the resolution of the Municipal Council for the kind sanction of Government

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STATEMENT SHOWING THE SALARY DRAWN DURING 3 YEARS PRIOR TO HIS RETIREMENT BY MR AZIZUDIN MEKHRI RFITRFD OCTROI INSPECTOR AS PER ACQUITTANCF ROLL

Month	1921-22 Rs A P	1922-23 Rs A P	1923-24 Rs A P
July	100/-	110/-	120/-
August	100/-	110/-	120/-
September	100/-	110/-	120/-
October	100/-	110/-	120/-
November	100/-	110/-	120/-
December	100/-	110/-	120/-
January	100/-	110/-	120/-
February	100/-	110/-	120/-
March	100/-	110/-	120/-
April	100/-	110/-	120/-
May	100/-	110/-	120/-
June	100/-	110/-	120/-

Sd A Narasinga Rao,
Inspector,
City Octroi and Toll ,Bangalore

" Copy "

For Municipal Commissioner

DRR

Copy for favour of perusal

TO

AMIN-UL MULK

MIRZA MAHOMED ISMAIL, B.A. C.I.E. O.B.E.

DEWAN OF MYSORE

The humble petition of MAHOMED AZIZUDIN, MEHKRI

Most respectfully sheweth:—

1 The petitioner joined service under the Bangalore City Municipality in the year 1885 and after serving it for over 39 years was ordered to be ed on 1st July 1924 The Municipal Council at its meeting held on the June 1924 unanimously recorded the following resolution (*vide Mysore Gazette* Part II A dated July 10 1924 page 357) —

> 2—Mr H Krishnappa proposed and Mr B V Krishniengar seconded that the Council do place on record the very valuable and faithful services rendered by Mr Azizudin Mehkri Octroi Inspector during a period extending over 39 years in this Municipality Though Mr Mehkri was a non gazetted officer he was throughout his service honest and devoted all his time to the improvement of Octroi Revenue The Council hope that he may long be spared to enjoy the leisure which he is entitled to by dint of sheer hard work

Mr M G Krishnaswami Rao the then Municipal Commissioner while communicating the resolutions of the City Municipal Council to the petitioner in his Memo $\frac{M\ s\ J\ 22}{3-24}$ —F No 718 dated 30th June 1924 endorsed his personal appreciation of the petitioner s services in the following terms —

> The undersigned also takes this opportunity of thanking him (petitioner) for having faithfully discharged the duties entrusted to him ever since he came to be in charge of the executive duties in the Municipality

2 The early part of the petitioner s service was in the Sanitary Department of the Municipality in which he worked for 17 years from 1885 to 1903 In appreciation of his hard conscientious and satisfactory work during the period the petitioner was specially selected and appointed Octroi Inspector in the year 1903 by the then President Mr H H Sparkes (At that time Dr Palpu D Ph was the Vice President) The salary then sanctioned to the petitioner as Octroi Inspector was only Rs 30 per mensem and the petitioner was continued on this same small salary for over 11 years (from 1903 to 1914) while for similar responsible and onerous duties the Superintendent of Octroi in the C & M Station was paid Rupees 150 rising to Rs 200 and the Octroi Revenue of the Municipality was even at that time much less than that of the City Municipality The annual Octroi income of the City Municipal Council in the year 1903 when the petitioner took charge of the Department was Rs 55 078 and it steadily rose up to Rs 94 666 in the year 1910 11 In the Administration Report submitted for this year by the hen President the late Mr B J Kumarasami Naick special mention is made of the remarkable progress of the revenue on page 4 in para 14 in the following terms —

> It will be observed that the revenue under this head has been steadily increasing This is due to continued vigilance on the part of the Octroi Staff headed by Mr Mahomed Azizudin Mehkri who maintains his reputation as a very conscientious and painstaking officer

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The Octroi Revenue under the management and supervision of the petitioner continued to rise steadily year after year and it amounted to Rs 1 11 800 in the year 1914

Though the income quite doubled itself during the past 11 years the petitioner was continued on the same salary *viz* Rs 30 but he struggled on on this small pay under the fervent hope of his eventually being rewarded for his officially acknowledged good work Rajasabhabhushana Dewan Bahadur Sir K. P Puttanna Chetty Kt C I E after he became the first Honorary President recommended an increase of Rs 20 to the pay of the petitioner along with the revision of the scale of pay of the whole Octroi establishment but it was not till 1914 that the Government sanctioned these proposals of the Municipal Council Even this belated increase to the petitioner s pay came unfortunately at a time when the dreadful war in Europe was being waged and the price of foodstuffs and every article of necessity had gone up nearly cent per cent The petitioner therefore was virtually not benefited by the nominal increase he got at the time

3 During the period of the Great War the Octroi income of the Bangalore City rose to rupees 2 lakhs 33 thousand in the year 1918 or in other words this revenue had more than doubled itself again during these 4 years —1914–1918 At this time the Honorary President Rajasabhabhushana Dewan Bahadur Sir K P Puttanna Chetty Kt C I E submitted another scheme for a general increase to the pay of the Octroi Staff which was sanctioned in the year 1919 Under this reorganization the petitioner as Octroi Inspector was given a graded pay of Rs 75—5—100 By the time this was given effect to the Octroi income had risen to Rs 2 64 000 and the petitioner had by then attained his 55th year and would have been retired had it not been for the fact that the continuance of his service was considered necessary in the interest of the revenue to the Municipality and satisfactory administration of the Octroi Department

4 The late lamented Mr Ananda Rao Sirsi after he assumed charge as Official President of the Municipality in the year 1922 bestowed his particular attention on the two important revenue yielding sources *viz* (1) the Octroi whose income was not accurately calculable or foreseen being solely dependent on the judicious and honest collection work of its staff and (2) the House Tax which was yielding 70 to 80 thousand rupees (excluding water and lighting taxes) On a careful scrutiny of the work of the above two departments Mr Ananda Rao Sirsi was pleased to realize that the income from the Octroi Department was steadily increasing under every head year after year and had reached the recorded figure of Rs 2 64 000 per annum and that the Maximum pay of the Octroi Inspector who had to work hard day and night was only Rs 100 (in the grade of 75—5—100) while that of the officer in charge of the collection of house taxes etc was Rs 150 (in the grade of 100—25—150) Soon after this the Government issued orders that the scarcity or high price allowances given to all the subordinate staff of the Municipality as a war time measure until 1922–23 be discontinued Seeing that these allowances had continued for the past 8 years and had practically become permanent and as matters were not likely to improve in the future Mr Ananda Rao Sirsi and the Municipal Council considered the situation and submitted a scheme to the Government recommending enhanced salaries to all the employees of the Municipality excepting the officers of the Engineering Health and House Tax Collection Departments But in view of the fact that the collection in the Octroi Department at the time had risen to rupees 2 lakhs and 64 thousand the

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President deemed it just and right that the petitioner s pay as Octroi Inspector should be equal to that of the Municipal Office Manager and the Revenue Manager namely Rs 100—10—150 The scheme was sanctioned by Govern ment in accordance with the recommendations made in the year 1922–23 In this year the then President Mr Ananda Rao Sirsi was kind enough to give the petitioner a year s extension of service He took steps to convert the contract system of Toll Gate collections into a departmental one and finally entrusted this additional and onerous work to the petitioner as in the C & M Station

5 The following statement of extensions given to the petitioner by successive high officers of the Municipality will show that his management of affairs was all along considered to be highly efficient and productive of good results and as responsible heads they did not like to deprive the Octroi Department of his valuable experience as long as they could possibly continue him without prejudice to the Standing Orders of Government —

(1) Rajasabhabhushana Dewan Bahadur Sir K P Puttanna Chetty Kt C I E Honorary President in the year 1919–20	One year s extension
(2) B K Garudachar Esq Honorary President in the years 1920–22	Two years extension
(3) Late Ananda Rao Sirsi Esq Official President in the years 1922–24	One year and nine months extension
(4) Late M G Krishnaswami Rao Esq Municipal Commissioner last extension in 1924	Three months extension upto 30th June 1924

6 The petitioner after his retirement and before the close of the year 1924 submitted a memorial to the then Honorary President of the Bangalore City Municipality Mr B K Garudachar through the then Municipal Com missioner the late Mr M G Krishnaswami Rao The petitioner explained therein the services he had rendered to the Municipality during his long period of employment and had prayed for the g ant of a bonus as a reward for his good services in keeping with the dignity of the Premier Municipality The reasons he had advanced for this special favour and help were as follows —

(1) That no increase was given to the petitioner s pay continuously for the first 11 years of his service as Octroi Inspector in recognition of his acknowledged good work

(2) that no special treatment was accorded to him when the pay of the Octroi Inspector was fixed at Rs 100–10–150 in 1922–23 as the pe itioner was started only on the minimum in that grade though he could have in equity l een given the maximum of that grade

(3) that he had to retire on a much smaller pension than was his legitimate due and

(4) that his life not having been insured he had to retire without providing himself for his old age as he was over 40 years when the Insurance Rules came into force (moreover it was not compulsory in those days for any life to be insured)

This memorial did not receive the attention it deserved at the hands of the authorities and the petitioner s legitimate request was merely talked out in the Council As a result the following endorsement was given by the Commis sioner Mr M G Krishnaswami Rao in reply to the petitioner s memorial —

Mr Azizudin Mehkri Retired Octroi Inspector is informed that the Municipal Council was not in favour of complying with his request

7 Best of people do not rest contented till all the stages of appeal have been resorted to in their own cases In accordance with this human nature the petitioner has ventured to approach and represent his grievances to you Sir and he very earnestly begs that he may not be deemed guilty for doing so He feels his foremost duty to place before you some details (in spite of their unavoidable length) of the nature of the work that was entrusted to him in the Octroi Department and the manner in which he in all conscience discharged it If the petitioner fails to take this opportunity of explaining these details he would not be bringing to light all the facts bearing on his humble case before one who has the reputation of patiently hearing the prayers of high and low alike and who is to mete out justice in this case It would mean in other words that the petitioner merely craves for justice without explaining fully the relevant facts of the case It was publicly claimed once by the famous Governor General of India the late Lord Curzon that on many an occasion he had to burn the last drop of oil in the lamp to complete a careful study of all the facts of an humble petitioner s case Your petitioner in all humility craves for the same indulgence at your generous hands in regard to his own case conscious as he is of the lengthiness of his petition The petitioner s object in making these representations is not only to strengthen his own cause but also to draw your kind attention to the various details of every day administration of revenue collection in the Premier Municipality of the State which directly concern the prosperity of the institution and affect not only the pockets but also the welfare of His Highness subjects

8 During his employment as Octroi Inspector for over 21 years from 1903 to 1924 the petitioner did not collect by force or unjustly even a pie from any of the humble subjects of H H the Maharaja with a view to swell the income of the Municipality He always feared that such ill earned money would not bring any prosperity to the Municipality On the other hand the petitioner never failed to collect from the poorest ryot what was justly and legally due to the Municipality He did not under any circumstances spare any dishonest or wicked servant of the Octroi Department both high and low when one was found guilty (after a proper enquiry) of harassing the poor and helpless people coming daily into the City As Chief of the Octroi Staff the petitioner never allowed any dishonest subordinate of his to go scot free with the object of saving the prestige of the Department or with a view not to put on record the malpractices of his subordinates The petitioner always believed in the saying that sparing bad people meant doing harm or injustice to good people

Unlike Mohatarfa or allied revenue the Octroi revenue is a varying item depending in a large measure on its honest collection by its collecting agency The rate tolls vary from one to three pies per given article These amounts have to be collected at fixed rates after quantities are prop rly measured or counted or judged The items of daily collections are many and the trouble involved results in the realization of large amounts of income Any slackness or want of proper supervision on the part of the officials concerned would lead to malpractices particularly by the low paid staff of the Department and if allowed to go unnoticed and unchecked by their Chief would result in great shortage in the income from this source In such a revenue yielding Department the petitioner served for over 21 years out of his total period of 39 years of service That he was successful in collecting the revenue without loss by pilferage is evidenced by the fact of the large income earned during the course of his Octroi

Inspectorship and the extent to which all his accounts stood the severe test of stiff auditors

9 Service Rules permit the grant of privilege casual sick and furlough leave to all servants of all departments The petitioner served the Municipality in all for about 39 years He was entitled to 15 days casual leave and one month s privilege leave for every year of his service At this rate he could have managed to enjoy 4 years and 10½ months leave with full pay In addition to the above the petitioner was entitled to 2 years furlough (apart from sick leave as per rules) during his service which he could have availed of at some stage of his employment or the other During the whole period of his employment however the petitioner took only 2 months privilege leave on one occasion and that was on account of his serious illness in the year 1914 when he was down with Pneumonia due to exposure while patrolling the Toll Gates and Ookads at nights The total amount of casual leave taken by him during the whole period of his 39 years of service and that on account of occasional indisposition was less than 2 months If the petitioner had availed himself of the leave due to him whenever opportunities offered he would have drawn in the shape of salary without doing any active work a sum of at least Rs 2 000 Particularly after taking charge of the Octroi Department in 1903 the petitioner never took leave for the sake of rest and managed to carry on the daily routine of this important branch of the Municipal Administration under an unbroken system of work and under continuous personal supervision He did so until his retirement in July 1924 It was not out of any foolhardiness that the petitioner did not enjoy all or a good portion of the leave to which he was entitled but his conscience did not permit him to draw his salary without doing any work for the Municipality thus maintaining himself in idleness One of the other objects of his not taking the leave was that he did not like slackness or carelessnes to crop in to cause any diminution in his own supervision over the details of the daily routine and thus make people feel as they often do that only new broom sweeps well

10 During the course of the petitioner s service as Chief of the Octroi establishment

	Rs
The total revenue collected under this head amounted to	30 85 277
Refunded to parties in strict observance of the rules in force	1 97 230
Leaving a nett amount of Octroi revenue	28 88 047
Add to the above the Toll Gate income of the two years viz 1922 23 and 1923 24 during which period the petitioner was entrusted with this additional work	78 499
Grand Total R	29 66 546

The above amounts of income were checked by Municipal Councillors and the Government Auditors and reports thereon were submitted from time to time The Council and the Municipal Authorities have after their perusal invariably recorded their appreciation of the satisfactory manner in which these accounts were kept and the Octroi Department was managed

In view of the honest collection and remittance to the Treasury by the petitioner of such a huge collection namely Rs 30 lakhs and for various other considerations the Honorary President of the Municipality the Commissioner and the Councillors could have easily seen their way in response to his petition

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submitted in 1924 to sanction a suitable bonus to him of at least Rs 100 per every lakh of rupees collected and remitted by him as a special recognition of his repeatedly acknowledged services It lay undoubtedly in the power of that Council to have treated the petitioner s case generously and to have done justice to the petitioner by sanctioning the grant of such a bonus to him in his old age of at least Rs 3 000

11 The petitioner begs to cut short here the narration of his services in the Octroi Department He now ventures to place before you Sir some facts relating to the Toll Gate collections which additional and onerous work was entrusted to him during the last two years of his service —1922 23 and 1923-24 For 23 years past it had become a hard and fast rule to sell by auction periodically the right of collecting tolls the highest bid during the above period being about Rs 28 000 per annum The successful bidder was always expected to deposit in the first part of the year 4 to 6 thousand rupees in pro portion to the total amount of his contract and to pay the balance in quarterly instalments The contractors paid the latter amounts occasionally on due dates but very often after the greatest possible pressure was brought to bear on them Some experienced and scheming contractors had commenced to plead excuses for delay in the quarterly payments of their *khists* on the ground that it was very difficult to collect tolls from the cartmen coming into the City from distant places They also never missed all plausible opportunitie to start pleading at suitable times that a sufficiently large number of carts did not enter the City during their respective period of contracts and that they were not able conse quently to make sufficient collections even to meet their quarterly instalments regularly and punctually The object of the contractors in making these statements was twofold one was to frighten the Municipality into the belief that it would be a very difficult job for the Municipality to undertake to collect tolls themselves from cartmen and secondly to keep the Municipality in dark about their real earnings The contractors generally succeeded in their attempts and the Municipality was on 3 or 4 occasions compelled to hear their pleadings and remit portion of the contracted amounts On one or two other occasions suits also were ordered to be filed in proper Court of Law for the recovery of the amounts due with of course very unsatisfactory results

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employed In many of such Toll Gates the Toll contrac ors servants were getting only Rs 7 or 8 per mensem and they were glad to serve for years on this paltry salary ! It can therefore be easily imagined how much the Toll Gate servants might have been earning daily through these dishonest means and perpetual harassment of the poor village cartmen under this contract system The petitioner seeing the helplessness of the cartmen cherished for over 17 or 18 years a desire that at least *for a day* prior to his retirement he should be fortunate enough to see the toll collections taken away from the oppressive hands of these contractors so that the 5 or 6 lakhs of poor ryots entering the City every year with their loads of produce might be saved from the effects of this perpetual loot and harassment and the Municipality thereby earn the appreciation a id gratitude of so many poor subjects of H H the Maha raja For years past the petitioner was convinced on the strength of his care ful study of the situation that if the Municipality undertook the collection of the tolls departmentally it would stand to gain but never destined to lose The petitioner apprised the late lamented Presiden of the Municipality Mr Ananda Rao Sirsi of these facts who seriously took up the idea himself He knew that the Municipality was spending on each of its Octroi Ookads no less than Rs 40 to 50 per mensem towards salaries of the establishments and that he could very well employ them on this extra work as they had not much to do After carefully considering the disadvantages of the contract system and verifying the facts brought to his notice by the petitioner he paid many surprise visits to the various Toll Gates in the early hours of the morning in disguise and saw with his own eyes particularly at the Kankanhalli Road and Mysore Road Ookads the hardship and losses to which the cartmen were subjected by the servants of the Toll contractors by extraction of fuel and other produce from their carts He was soon convinced of the necessity of adopting the petitioner s suggestions for bringing the toll collection work under depart mental management with a view to relieve the poor ryots from further harass ment He explained the whole situation to the Municipal Councillors and with their consent wrote to the Government and obtained their approval to collect Tolls departmentally from 1922 23

13 The late President Mr Ananda Rao Sirsi instead of retiring the petitioner at this juncture thought it fit and necessary to give him another year s extension in 1922 23 and ordered that the Octroi Inspector should undertake the Toll Gate collections as was being done in the C & M Station As soon as the collection of Tolls was entrusted to the petitioner he worked harder and harder day and night being grateful to God Almighty for enabling him with an opportunity in accordance with his long cherished desire of about 18 years to protect the poor ryots of His Highness the Maharaja from being oppressed any longer The petitioner wa also anxious not to bring discredit to Mr Ananda Rao Sirsi who carried out this radical change in the system of Toll collections

In the first year *viz* 1922 23 the departmental collection of the tolls was nearly Rs 40 000 Two lakhs 8 thousand and 7 hundred loaded carts entered the City At the rate of 2 annas per loaded cart which was the rate in force then (it was doubled after the petitioner s retirement) the revenue therefrom amounted to Rs 26 087 Every loaded cart was accompanied by a cartman and at least one owner of the produce Thus no less than 4 17 400 persons entered the City with the loaded carts alone About an equal—if not more—empty carts entered the City that year paying at the rate of one anna thus adding over Rs 13 000 to the above mentioned Rs 26 087 Over 2 lakhs of men came into the City

with these empty carts In all over 6 lakhs of persons entered the City through the Toll Gates in 1922 23 quite unmolested and unharassed and the loaded and unloaded carts put together gave to the Municipality over Rs 40 000 and that at only half the rates that are now being levied !

14 In the 2nd year of departmental collection of tolls namely 1923 24 the President Mr Ananda Rao Sirsi gave the petitioner another extension of service in view of the unexpected nett increase of Rs 6 000 in this branch of revenue as also of the uniform good re ults of collection in the Octroi Depart ment At the same time the President promised the petitioner that he would bring his long and meritorious services to the notice of the Municipal Council and the Government in connection with the large and well maintained Octroi revenue and the very successful collection of the tolls by the petitioner depart mentally and see that the maximum pay of his grade viz Rs 150 was sanction ed to him with retrospective effect from the date the new grade came into force to enable the petitioner to secure a better pension But soon after the commencement of that official year Mr Ananda Rao Sirsi the President had suddenly to go on leave and a new officer late Mr M G Krishnaswami Rao was appointed Municipal Commissioner Besides just at this time there occur red the murder of 2 watchmen and robbery of over Rs 5 000 from the Municipal Treasury On account of this sad and serious incident the minds of the new Commissioner and the Councillors were very much perturbed and they were all busy with the detection of the crime and the prosecution of the culprit At such a sad juncture the petitioner had not the heart and zeal to trouble his immediate officer the new Commissioner and the then Municipal Council with the submission of his own petition to give him the grade of Rs 150 with retrospective effect in order to reap the benefit of the same after his retirement which was impending

15 It was in the year 1921–22 that the right of toll collections was for the last time auctioned to the contractor for Rs 28 000 In the first year of departmental collection of tolls through the Octroi agency namely 1922–23 no less than Rs 40 000 were collected without the least harassment and loss to the village cartmen This meant an increase of Rs 12 000 over the contract figure and a nett income of Rs 34 000 after deducting establishment charges of Rs 6 000 This fact has been recorded in the following appreciative terms by the Government in their review of the administration of the year 1922–23 (*vide* Administration Report for 1922–23 Para 5 of G O No L 4764–69 MI 83—23—7 dated 21st December 1923) —

> While under Tolls a nett revenue of Rs 34 367 was realized after incurring an expenditure of Rs 6 024 for working the system by departmental agency the amount realized in the previous year being Rs 28 018 It is satisfactory to note that the system of collecting tolls by departmental agency newly introduced during the year has worked well and brought in additional income to the Municipality

16 A year after the Toll Gate collections were taken over by the Municipality and the departmental management of the same was started namely in 1923–24 there was scarcity of rainfall in this and the adjoining Districts and consequent decrease in the quantity of crops harvested Government had to start Relief Works in various localities at great cost to save the lives of people and their cattle from starvation The raiyats had become very much alarmed and famine being apprehended they did not bring in the usual quantities of their produce to the City In spite of this the Toll Gate income under the manage ment and supervision of the petitioner came to Rs 38 000 only Rs 2 000 less than

in the previous year At this stage the petitioner begs to submit for your kind consideration the fact that if the right to collect tolls in this year had been auctioned as previously the contractor would have petitioned to the Municipal Authorities praying for remission of a large portion of his dues on the ground of general drought and consequent decrease in crops resulting in great loss to him by the decrease in the number of loaded carts entering the City On receipt of such representations the contractor would have easily succeeded in obtaining a remission of at least 25% of his bid amount Out of the highest bid of Rs 28 000 at which the contractors were managing to buy the right of collecting tolls for the whole year the Municipality in response to the contractor's petition would have been compelled to remit at least 25% of the total amount viz Rs 7 000 Very few people under such conditions would have thought that the contractor could have actually collected Rs 38 000 as done by the Octroi Department in the face of such bad seasonal conditions Consequently the real position of the contractor would have been as under —

Dr	Rs	Cr	Rs
Amount contracted for on the basis of usual figures about	28 000	Actual collections by the contractor say	38 000
Deduct refund on account of drought say	7 000		
Payable to the Municipality	21 000		

In this way the actual profit made by the contractor would have been Rs 17 000 ! Because the Municipality did not sell away the right of collecting tolls to a contractor in this year also the petitioner as Octroi and Toll Gates Inspector was enabled to collect Rs 38 000 which meant at least Rs 10 000 more than the highest annual figure of Rs 28 000 earned through the contract system

17 In the Bangalore City Municipality there were three items of revenue which were being collected under annual contract system Among these the largest income that accrued viz Rs 28 000 was from the Tolls The next was the vegetable market bringing a revenue of about Rs 10 or 11 thousands The third item was that of the slaughter house which gave annually Rs 6 000 As during the first year this change had brought in a large revenue the Municipality in the time of Mr M G Krishnaswami Rao came to realize the real state of affairs and cancelled the contract system in regard to the slaughter house also This brought in an increased revenue of 3 or 4 thousands of rupees Subsequently even the vegetable market collections were started departmentally on account of which the Municipality is earning about Rs 6 000 more Bearing these changes in mind which brought large profits to the Municipality it can be seen that if the late President Mr Ananda Rao Sirsi (at the suggestion of the petitioner) had not started to collect Toll Gates revenue departmentally with a profit the Municipality would not have had the courage to undertake both the slaughter house and the vegetable market collections themselves but would have continued the contract system without any material benefit Here it may be particularly noted that in the time of the petitioner Toll Gate levy was at 2 annas per loaded cart and 1 anna per empty cart that entered the City but now it is at 4 annas per loaded and 2 annas per empty cart This increase in rates ought to be borne in mind if the collection of tolls at the time of the petitioner is to be compared with that now made after his retirement

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long and meritorious services having been acknowledged on all hands he could have been given the maximum pay of his grade *viz* Rs 150 from the commencement of 1922 23 This did not occur at the time to the late President Mr Ananda Rao Sirsi but at the beginning of the year 1923 24 he realized the petitioner s disadvantage and had made up his mind to take necessary steps in the matter As already mentioned he had promised the petitioner in view of his impending retirement to take up this matter early but before he did so he had to go on leave suddenly and the petitioner could not find a fitting opportunity to draw the attention of the new Commissioner to this matter before the petitioner s retirement

19 The petitioner received only two increments of his grade at Rs 10 per annum in the years 1922 23 and 1923 24 and had to retire at the end of June 1924 when he was getting only Rs 120 per mensem Consequently he is drawing a pension of Rs 55 which is hardly enough for his living Now the petitioner s prayer is that if he had b en put in th maximum of the grade of 100 10 150 from the date of Government sanction he would have earned Rs. 1 200 more in the shape of salary for the two years whereas he only got Rs 120 in the first year and Rs 240 in the second year making in all Rs 360 He begs that the Municipality may now be asked to be good enough to sanction the difference *viz* 1 200 *minus* 360—=Rs 840 towards his pay and thus enable him to get an increase in his present pension of about Rs 11 10 8 with retrospective effect In addition to the above the Municipality may be pleased to sanction a reasonable amount of bonus as a reward for the petitioner s extraordinarily hard and loyal services for 21 years in the Octroi Department and in consideration of his retirement without benefiting in any way by the Insurance Rules as a provision for his old age

20 If enquiries are kindly made it will be found from the records of the Municipality that there have be n one or two p e edents in w ich cash bonuses for good work have been awarded in the past by the Municipality to their servants It will also be observed that within the recent past some subordinate officers of the Municipality even two or three years before their retirements have been given the maximum pay of their grades by the Government on the recommendation of the Municipal Council with the main object of giving them some increase in their pensions

21 In conclusion the petitioner most respectfully begs to apologize for the unavoidable length of thi petition and humbly prays that his long honest and faithful services as acknowledged from time to time by all his superiors in their public and confidential remarks may in conjunction with the facts narrated above be kindly taken into consid ration and a sp ial bonus worthy of the Premier City Municipal Council be sanctioned and paid to him in addition to increasing his pension by about 11 or 12 rupees in the manner aforesaid so that he may be a little better off in his retired life

For this generosity and kind support the petitioner will ever feel thankful

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